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Amendment to the Drawing

Please amend Fig. 1 of the drawing as shown in red on the attached copy of Fig. 1.

Please add the attached Figs. 2-7 to the drawing.

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

In this, the first Action in the case, the Examiner rejected claims 1-3 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as indefinite. This defect is cured by the claims as amended. Applicants therefore request that the Section 112, second paragraph, rejection of the claims as amended be withdrawn.

The Examiner also rejected claims 1-3 under 35 U.S.C. §101 for being directed to nonstatutory subject matter. This defect is also cured by the claims as amended. Applicants therefore request that the Section 101 rejection of the claims as amended be withdrawn.

The Examiner next rejected claims 1-3 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) over U.S. patent no. 5,519,861 (Rya). In response, applicants have added new claims to recite their invention with greater particularity. The new claims are not rendered unpatentable by Rya, which discloses converting a vertical file of time-series data records of multiple time series into horizontal files organized by time series for ease of access and display. Applicants therefore request that the Section 102(b) rejection of their claims as amended be withdrawn.

Applicants have taken this opportunity to add method diagrams to the drawing, to add reference numerals to the drawing, and to tie the specification and the drawing together more closely by referencing the drawing's reference numerals in the specification. No new matter is added by these amendments. New Fig. 2 finds support in the specification on page 9, line 18, to page 10, line 11. New Fig. 3 finds support in the specification on page 10, line 12, to page 11, line 2. New Fig. 4 finds support in the specification on page 11, lines 3-16. New Fig. 5 finds support in the specification on page 11, line 17, to page 12, line 11. New Fig. 6 finds support in the specification on page 12, line 12, to page 13, line 6. New Fig. 7 finds support in the specification on page 13, line 7, to page 14, line 15.

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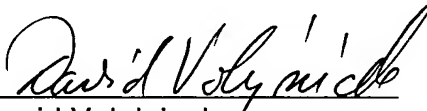
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The Examiner's rejections having been properly addressed and disposed of, applicants assert that the application is now in condition for allowance. Applicants therefore request that the application be reconsidered and thereafter be passed to issue.

Applicants believe the foregoing to be dispositive of all issues in the application. But, if the Examiner should deem that a telephone interview would advance prosecution, then applicants request the Examiner to call their attorney at the telephone number listed below.

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